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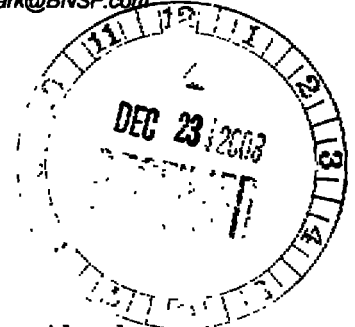
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Ms. Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 461X); BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment
Exemption – in Marion County, MO**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

On January 11, 2008, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a Petition for Exemption to abandon service of a 0.56-mile line of railroad that extends between milepost 13.86 and milepost 14.42, near Palmyra, in Marion County, Missouri. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 63461.

By decision served April 30, 2008, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective May 30, 2008. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment is to be consummated by April 30, 2009. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are attached for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 352-3394.

Sincerely,

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